Whitfield Titus Wamp Tonko Wasserman Wilson (SC) Towns Schultz Wittman Tsongas Waters Wolf Watson Turner Woolsev Watt Upton Wu Van Hollen Waxman Yarmuth Velázquez Weiner Young (AK) Visclosky Welch Young (FL) Westmoreland Walden Wexler

NOT VOTING-17

Gordon (TN) Becerra Ruppersberger Berman Johnson, Sam Sánchez, Linda Bilbray Kirk T. Bishop (UT) Mollohan Sanchez, Loretta Sullivan Broun (GA) Myrick Wilson (OH) Ros-Lehtinen Davis (IL)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members have 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT TO REPORT TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE ACTIONS THE COMMITTEE HAS TAKEN CONCERNING ANY MISCONDUCT OF MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE HOUSE IN CONNECTION WITH ACTIVITIES OF THE PMA GROUP

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise to a question of the privileges of the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 500

Whereas there have been allegations in the media concerning the improper involvement of Members of the House of Representatives in certain activities of the PMA Group; and

Whereas according to these media accounts and the statements of those involved, the Department of Justice is conducting an investigation into such activities of the PMA Group: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That not later than 45 days after the adoption of this resolution, the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct shall report to the House of Representatives on the actions the Committee has taken, if any, concerning any misconduct of Members and employees of the House in connection with such activities of the PMA Group.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The resolution qualifies.

MOTION OFFERED BY MR. MCGOVERN

Mr. McGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I have a motion at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

 $Mr.\ McGovern\ moves$ that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Massachusetts is recognized on his motion.

Mr. McGOVERN. Madam Speaker, this measure merits review in the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct.

I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the motion.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRIES

Mr. FLAKE. Madam Speaker, I have a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. FLAKE. I just saw the resolution. I don't know if it actually just punts the ball until the appropriations cycle is done or if it actually requires that the committee investigate.

Can the committee wait for 45 days and then announce that it is not investigating the PMA scandal, and then we're at the same place we are now?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair cannot interpret the pending resolution. It is available at the desk for review.

Mr. FLAKE. Further parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his further parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. FLAKE. This resolution, as I understand it, does not require the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct to do anything but report whether or not an investigation is occurring.

Does this motion require any action on the part of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending motion is to refer the resolution to committee.

Mr. FLAKE. So no action is required. Mr. BOEHNER. Madam Speaker, I have a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. BOEHNER. Madam Speaker, does this motion do anything other than refer this worthless piece of paper to the Ethics Committee?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The proposal is to refer the resolution to committee.

Mr. BOEHNER. Further parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his further parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. BOEHNER. Does it require the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct to do anything?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The proposal before the body is to refer the resolution to committee.

Mr. BOEHNER. Parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his further parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. BOEHNER. If the House were to adopt this motion, this resolution, would it require the committee to do anything?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The measure would be referred to committee for its consideration.

Mr. BOEHNER. Further parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his further parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. BOEHNER. If the House were to adopt this motion to refer this to the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, under the previous announcement from the Chair, the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct would be required to do nothing.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The committee would have referral of the resolution.

Mr. BOEHNER. And nothing else?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The committee would have referral of the resolution.

Mr. FLAKE. Madam Speaker, I have a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. FLAKE. Does the resolution require that the committee report back in 45 days or 45 legislative days?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair cannot interpret the resolution. It is available for inspection.

Mr. FLAKE. Madam Speaker, the reason I ask is because within 45 days, the appropriations cycle will likely be completed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is not stating a parliamentary inquiry.

Without objection, the previous question is ordered.

Mr. PRICE of Georgia, I object.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Objection is heard.

The question is on ordering the previous question.

The previous question was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. BOEHNER. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 270, nays 134, answered "present" 17, not voting 12, as follows:

[Roll No. 300] YEAS—270

Bralev (IA) Abercrombie Cummings Ackerman Brown, Corrine Dahlkemper Adler (NJ) Davis (AL) Altmire Capps Davis (CA) Capuano Davis (TN) Andrews Arcuri Cardoza DeFazio Ba.ca. Carnahan DeGette Baird Carney Delahunt Carson (IN) Baldwin DeLauro Barrow Cassidy Dicks Castle Dingell Bean Berkley Childers Doggett Donnelly (IN) Berman Clarke Clay Berry Doyle Biggert Cleaver Driehaus Bishop (GA) Clyburn Edwards (MD) Bishop (NY) Cohen Edwards (TX) Connolly (VA) Blumenauer Ehlers Blunt Convers Ellison Cooper Ellsworth Boren Costa Emerson Boswell Costello Engel Boucher Courtney Eshoo Boyd Crowley Etheridge Brady (PA) Cuellar Farr

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NAYS—134

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Coffman (CO) Johnson (IL) Akin Alexander Cole Jordan (OH) Austria Crenshaw King (IA) Bachmann Culberson King (NY) Bachus Davis (KY) Kingston Bartlett Deal (GA) Kirk Barton (TX) Diaz-Balart, M. Lamborn Bilbray Dreier Lance Bilirakis Duncan Latta Bishop (UT) Fallin Lee (NY) Blackburn Flake Lewis (CA) Boehner Fleming Linder Bono Mack Fortenberry Lucas Luetkemeyer Boozman Foxx Franks (AZ) Boustany Lummis Brady (TX) Frelinghuysen Lungren, Daniel Brown (SC) Gallegly E. Garrett (NJ) Brown-Waite. Mack Ginny Gingrey (GA) Manzullo Buchanan Granger Marchant McCarthy (CA) Burgess Graves Burton (IN) Guthrie McCaul Calvert Harper McClintock Camp Heller McCotter Campbell Hensarling McHenry Cantor Herger Hoekstra McHugh McKeon Cao Capito McMorris Hunter Carter Inglis Rodgers Chaffetz Mica Issa.

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ANSWERED "PRESENT"-17

Barrett (SC) Conaway Lofgren, Zoe Bonner Dent Myrick Diaz-Balart, L. Bright Poe (TX) Hastings (WA) Butterfield Walden Castor (FL) Kline (MN) Welch Chandler Latham

NOT VOTING-12

Becerra Ros-Lehtinen Sullivan
Broun (GA) Ruppersberger Terry
Davis (IL) Sánchez, Linda Wilson (OH)
Gordon (TN) T.
Johnson, Sam Sanchez, Loretta

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE
The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members have 2 minutes re-

maining in this vote.

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Mr. BACHUS changed his vote from "yea" to "nay."

Messrs. Lobiondo, Johnson of Georgia, HALL of Texas, GOHMERT, MINNICK, GERLACH, WOLF, Mrs. BIGGERT and Mrs. SCHMIDT changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the motion was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BROUN of Georgia. Madam Speaker, today, I missed the following votes: Rollcall Nos. 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, and 300. If I had been able to make these votes, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall votes 296, 298, and 299, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall votes 295, 297, and 300.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Armed Services:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Washington, DC, June 3, 2009.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: Given my nomination by the President as Secretary of the Army, this letter serves as my intent to resign from the Committee on Armed Services, effective today.

Sincerely,

John M. McHugh, Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

MAKE HEALTH INSURANCE MORE AFFORDABLE FOR SMALL BUSI-NESSES

(Mr. ADLER of New Jersey asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. I rise today to bring attention to the many small business owners and employees in New Jersey and across this country who cannot afford health insurance. Small businesses are the backbone of our local communities and economies. The small business owners are struggling to make ends meet under the weight of their health insurance costs, and the price just keeps rising.

I know the struggle personally. My father owned and operated a small business, a dry cleaning business. My dad lost his business after suffering multiple heart attacks without health insurance. He worked hard, supported his family, but the price of insurance was just too high. Over 30 years later, more and more families in New Jersey are still feeling the same pinch.

From the year 2000 to 2007, health insurance premiums in New Jersey increased by 71 percent, while median yearly wages increased only 15 percent. And more than 28 percent of individuals working for small businesses are living without health insurance.

I hear from small business owners in Burlington County and Ocean County almost every day. They want to provide health insurance for themselves, their families, and their employees. They just can't afford it.

That's why I'm proud to join a bipartisan group of legislators supporting the Small Business Health Options Program, or SHOP Act. The SHOP Act will allow small businesses to pool their resources and find the best options to meet the needs of their employees.

Let's support small business and their hard work and entrepreneurial spirit.

$\begin{array}{c} {\rm AMERICAN} \;\; {\rm ENERGY} \;\; {\rm INNOVATION} \\ {\rm ACT} \end{array}$

(Ms. JENKINS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JENKINS. Summer travel season is here and prices at the pump are climbing. Rather than pursuing policies that will help Americans who are already struggling, as well as reduce our dependence on foreign energy, some in this body are leading us down a very different path.

This Congress' decision to embark on a journey toward a future where capand-trade taxes every man, woman, and child who dares to flip on a light switch or drive to the grocery store is the wrong approach. There's no doubt we can take better care of our environment, and I'm convinced that with an